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APPLICATION PROGRAMMING Yorktown Hts, NY 10598  
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RESPONSE TO  
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004. The 30 days shortened statutory period for this response is set to expire on July 30, 2004, and therefore, this response is being filed within the statutory period.

In response to the Official Action dated June 30, 2004 the Applicants wish to submit the following:

**Amendments to the claims** including withdrawal of non-elected claims as reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2.

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